

CURRENT CONTRACTS FUNDED BY THE OIL TAX EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

During the 2001 State Legislative session, the Polluted Runoff Control Program supported the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts' (HACD) request to the legislature for additional funding from an oil tax increase. This was intended to provide a Water Quality Specialist in each Soil and Water Conservation District to carry out the Agriculture Pollution Prevention Plan (P3) as outlined in Hawaii's Implementation Plan for Polluted Runoff Control.

HACD was successful in obtaining a \$150,000 a year allocation to the Clean Water Branch for these positions. Contracting issues delayed the start of these projects and the Program changed direction away from the development of the P3 to the development of a State agricultural Best Management Plan manual. These field agents are still critical to the continues efforts to address nonpoint source pollution. Six positions are currently being funded; three in the State FY 2001 budget and three in the State FY 2002 budget.

If these field agents are successful in assisting the State, the State will need to determine how to fund all six field agents in FY 2004.

Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts Conservation Specialists

Contractor: Hawaii Association of Conservation District (HACD)
Project Period: June 2002 through June 2003
Federal / State Funds: None / \$150,000 **% of Project Completed:** 20%

The HACD will hire three conservation specialists to assist the Polluted Runoff Control Program and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) in providing technical assistance and implementing best management practices to reduce the amount of nonpoint source pollution entering State waters. These conservation specialists will be located in Mauna Kea (Hawaii), Aiea (Oahu), and Lihue (Kauai). HACD will partner with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide support for the Conservation Specialists at the three locations.

University of Hawaii Project Managers/Field Agents

Contractor: University of Hawaii (UH), Sea Grant Extension Service
Project Period: August 28, 2002 through August 28, 2003
Federal / Non-Federal Funds: \$47,334 / \$149,363 **% of Project Completed:** 5%

UH will hire three field agents to assist the Polluted Runoff Control Program and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) in providing technical assistance and implementing best management practices to reduce the amount of nonpoint source pollution entering State waters. These field agents will be located in Hilo (Hawaii), Pearl Harbor (Oahu), and Wailuku (Maui).